



STINGER SPORTS

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STINGERS IN SWEEP

Concordia University varsity teams swept three championships this past weekend at the Concordia Athletic complex. Playing before capacity crowds, the hockey Stingers dumped U.Q.T.R. (5-3 and 7-2) and the men's basketball Stingers blasted the Bishop's Gaiters 86-54 to wrap up Q.U.A.A. titles in those sports. Last Thursday, the women's hockey team got the championship ball rolling with a thrilling 1-0 victory over the John Abbott Islanders to claim the Quebec Women's Intercollegiate Hockey League banner. All three teams now lead into National playdowns.

On Friday night Concordia rode Rick Pardo's two second-period goals to a tough 5-3 win over a scrappy Trois-Rivières club. The Patriotes had captured the series opener by the same score two days earlier. The Stingers came out flying on Saturday and they put it altogether for a convincing 7-2 win and the league title. Concordia now travels to the C.I.A.U. National Tournament which will be held this weekend (March 11 - 14) in Moncton. The Stingers and coach Paul Arsenault will be looking for their first-ever National championship.

On Sunday afternoon John Gissendanner poured in 34 points as the basketball Stingers stunned the Bishop's Gaiters 86-54, to win the Q.U.A.A. crown and a trip to the Nationals. The Stingers dominated play from the opening tip leading by 18 at the half and by 35 points with 10 minutes to play. Coach Doug Daigneault will need strong performances from All-Stars Gissendanner and Gary McKeigan, if the Stingers have any chance at a National championship. The eight-team Tournament gets underway March 18th in Victoria, B.C..

A goal by Julie Healy with just 5 seconds remaining in the third period gave the Concordia women's hockey team their win over John Abbott College. Goalie Denise Bienvenu recorded two straight shutouts in the hard fought series. Concordia now meets the Montreal Titans in a 2 of 3 series beginning Thursday evening (March 11) at 8 p.m. at Concordia. The series winner will go to the women's National final in Brantford later this month.

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